



Uptown Neighborhood Notes

October 16, 2002

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Katie Butowicz and Catherine McCoy

In the morning, we drove the perimeter to look at the neighborhood and organize the day. We were dropped off at the corner of Mercer and 5th and started with the blue photograph card. We headed to the corner of Aurora and Valley and began our research. At Aurora and Valley, we took one intersection photograph because there was a median in the road and the traffic was only effected in one direction. We walked down Valley towards the bay until the street ended, then walked down Roy to the intersection of Elliot and Mercer Place. We headed back up Mercer Place, had to change to the green photo card, then headed to the intersection of Aurora and Mercer. We then walked the two intersections, Republican and Aurora; and Mercer, Aurora, and Dexter. After walking the intersections and underpasses, we headed down Roy to the Intersection of Roy and Queen Anne and stopped to have lunch at Larry's Market.

After Lunch, we continued from the corner of Roy and Queen Ann and walked down Queen Ann, changed to the orange photo card between Republican and Harrison, then headed to the intersection of Queen Ann and Broad. We walled up Broad to 1st and headed back up 1st towards Mercer. At 1st and Thomas, we turned towards the Seattle Center and walked to 2nd Ave North. We headed down 2nd Ave North to the intersection of Broad and 2nd then walked Broad to Warren Ave North. We took Warren Ave North up to Thomas, then back to 1st Ave North, stopped to change to the purple photo card, and then headed to Mercer. At this point, we decided it would be a good time to walk the Seattle Center.

In the Seattle Center, we took photographs of a kiosk, a wayfinding post, a sign, a wayfinding sign, finger signs, and the ride area. We then headed to the intersection of Broad, 5th, and Denny and took many photographs. At this time, we headed towards the intersection of Denny and Broad and ran out of film. We ended our day at the intersection of Broad and Denny, only taking a photograph of the directional sign, Seattle Aquarium.

October 18, 2002

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Katie Butowicz and Susan Jurasz

On Friday, October 18, 2002, Susan and I drove the remaining corner. We started with a panorama of the intersection of Denny and Broad, then drove to the intersection of Elliot and Mercer Place so Susan could take a look. This intersection is an entry to Uptown and near entrances to the Waterfront and Belltown, but it does not have any signage. This may be a good potential location for signage.

At this intersection, we drove up West Mercer to 1st Ave. West. We then headed down 1st Ave. West to Western Ave., drove down Western to 2nd Ave. West, up 2nd back to West Mercer. We then drove down West Mercer to 3rd Ave. West. We took 3rd Ave. West to Elliot and went up 4th Ave. West to West Mercer. We then drove down West Mercer to 5th, and did not see any signage on 5th and headed home.

Summary

This was an interesting neighborhood to research. The neighborhood is called Uptown, but is also know as Queen Ann. The name Queen Ann is referenced by the street and business along Queen Ann, 1st Ave West, 2nd Ave West, 4th Ave West, Mercer, Roy and 1st Ave North. Uptown is also referenced, but not with the frequency as Queen Ann. This area seems to have an identity crisis.

Observations

Valley

Our first intersection of Aurora and Valley had multiple directionals, but the street was divided by a median. The next intersection was Valley and 5th Ave North, where we took some photographs of directionals, Seattle Center Aquarium, and City Center. When Valley came to a dead end, we traversed down to Roy.

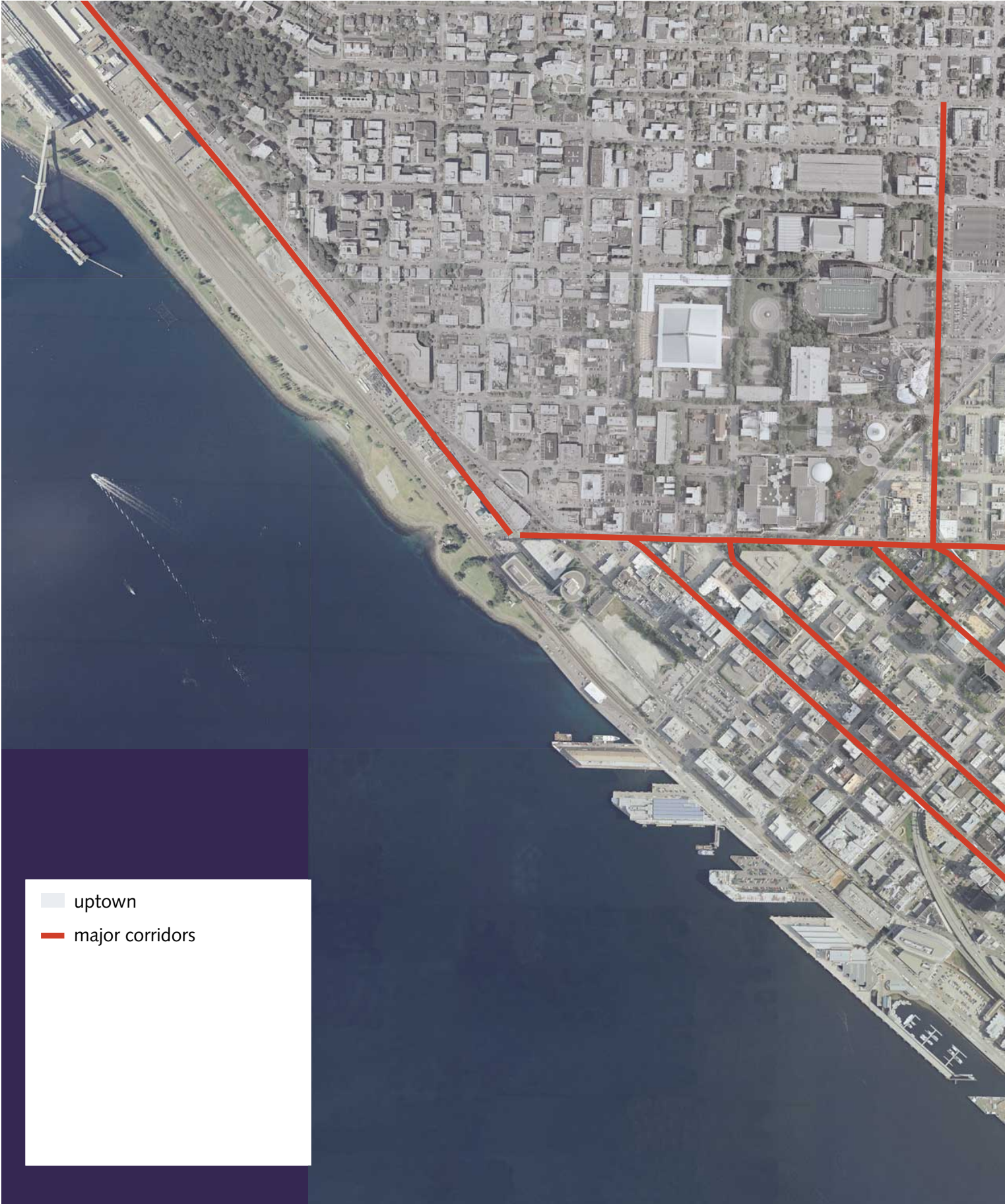
Roy

We traveled down Roy till the dead end at 4th Ave West. This area was mainly residential and filled with brownstone apartments. We turned around at the dead end, walked down to 4th Ave West to West Mercer.

Mercer

After walking from Roy, we went down to West Mercer, where





it ends and merges with Mercer Place. We walked down Mercer Place till it intersected with Elliot. This area did not have any directionals, but we felt it would be a great potential location. This is an entrance point to Uptown and near entrances for Belltown and the Waterfront. After taking photographs of the Elliot and Mercer Place intersection, we headed back up to West Mercer and walked all the way down to Aurora. Along mercer, we began to see neighborhood identifiers. We saw signs for Queen Ann Square, Uptown Barber, the Tribeca in Uptown Queen Ann, Queensborough, and Market Place at Queen Ann. We also took photographs of streetscapes, including trees and brownstone buildings. There were a few directionals for North I-5 and South I-5, and North 99. We also took this opportunity to photograph a Seattle Center kiosk and a few Seattle Center Signs. We completed Mercer by intersecting with Aurora.

Aurora

Aurora was our perimeter street and included entrances to Uptown. We photographed a few directionals on Aurora, the Seattle Aquarium and a Pedestrian Underpass. The intersection of Aurora and Republican was simple, there was only one way off the divided highway. We took one photograph showing where vehicles exited. We then attempted the intersection between Mercer and Republican, which had an underpass and intersected with broad and mercer. This was a very confusing intersection and felt it was almost out of the Neighborhood. We then walked down to Aurora and Republican and took many photographs of the intersection. We then headed to Taylor and took photograph of two directionals, North 99w and South 99w, then headed to 4th Ave and took a streetscape photograph. We then walked back up to Roy and headed down towards the bay.

Roy

On Roy, the only photographs we took were of the McMenamins on Queen Ann Hill and the Mar Queen Hotel. This street was mostly residential and lacked directionals.

Queen Ann

This street was filled with multiple identifiers. There were multiple business with the name Queen Ann but few with Uptown. We took photographs of the Queen Ann Boutique, Queen Ann Cleaners, Uptown Movie Theater, Queen Ann Auto Body, Queen Ann Apartments, Queen Villa Apartments, Queen Ann Plaza, and Uptown China Restaurant. We took a picture of a brownstone and of a Yoga business that mentioned being on

Queen Ann. After walking down Queen Ann, with traffic, we ended at Denny.

Denny

At Denny, we took a fun picture of the PI Globe, and one I-5 directional. We also took a panorama of the 1st and Denny intersection. From here, we headed up 1st street.

1st Ave North from Denny to Thomas

At this section of 1st, we took one photograph of a restaurant, Siam Thai on Queen Ann. From here, we turned on Thomas.

Thomas and 2nd Ave North to Warren Ave North back to 1st Ave North.

This small section had one important intersection, Denny and 2nd Ave North. Here there were directionals for 99w and three for I-5. We also took photographs of the streetscape down John and of brownstones.

1st Ave North from Thomas to Mercer

After we finished the small corner, we headed back up 1st Ave North. On this street, we took a photograph of a bus station, an old fashioned phone booth, and a beautiful stained glass window. There were a few more business along 1st that bared the Queen Ann name, the Queen Ann Station and the Inn at Queen Ann.

Mercer to Warren and into the Seattle Center

After completing 1st Ave North, we headed back down Mercer, took a photograph of Helena's Cleaners and walked down Warren and into the Seattle Center. At the entrance of the Seattle Center, we took photographs of a wayfinding post. We walked down the sidewalk paralleling Mercer, and photographed a finger sign at the corner of the International Fountain and Bagley Wright Theater. We walked around the International Fountain and towards the Fun Forest Amusement Park and took a photograph of the rides. We continued to head towards Denny and then traveled north of the Space Needle towards 5th Ave North. We took photographs of wayfinding signs for the Experimental Music Project and a purple and green information sign. We then headed to the intersection of Broad, 5th and Thomas and took panoramas. This was a very interesting intersection, due to the fact that there was a lot of traffic coming to one point. This is a very important intersection with traffic heading to Seattle Center, Commercial Core, Waterfront, Belltown, and Uptown, but it has limited

signage. After this intersection, we headed to the intersection of Denny and Broad. We only took one photograph of a Seattle Aquarium directional, because we ran out of film. We finished the day at this intersection. We still had to complete the western corner of the neighborhood, 1st Ave West to 5th Ave West.

On October 18th, we started at the intersection of Denny and Broad. I took a panorama of the intersection then, we headed to the intersection of Elliot and Mercer Place. This stop was to show Sue the intersection and the lack of signage. This would be a good location to add signage for Uptown and neighboring areas.

1st Ave West

We drove up Mercer Place to 1st street. We headed down first street and photographed the Queen Ann Naturopathic Center, Uptown Queen Ann Apartments, a Yoga institute, a sign advertising apartments “Queen Ann Living with a Flair.”

2nd Ave West

On 2nd Ave West, we photographed the Queen Ann All-Star Fitness, the Uptown Barber, Uptown Creative Services, and the Uptown (an apartment building).

3rd Ave West

On 3rd Ave, there was less signage and the street was also shorter than 1st and 2nd. We photographed the Uptown Family Dentistry. This building did have signage on either side, so traffic from both directions would be able to identify it.

4th Ave West

The only place of business that referenced Queen Ann or Uptown was the Queen Ann Vision Clinic.

5th Ave West

This area lacked identifiers and directionals.





1.2 aurora/valley



1.5-1.6 valley/5th



1.7 elliot/mercier place looking Southeast





1.8-1.9 elliot/mercerplace looking Northwest



1.10-1.13 elliot/mercer place looking East



2.15 & 2.20 aurora/broad



2.19 aurora/roy



3.10-3.14 1st/denny





3.21-2.23 2nd/denny



4.9-4.10 broad/5th looking NW

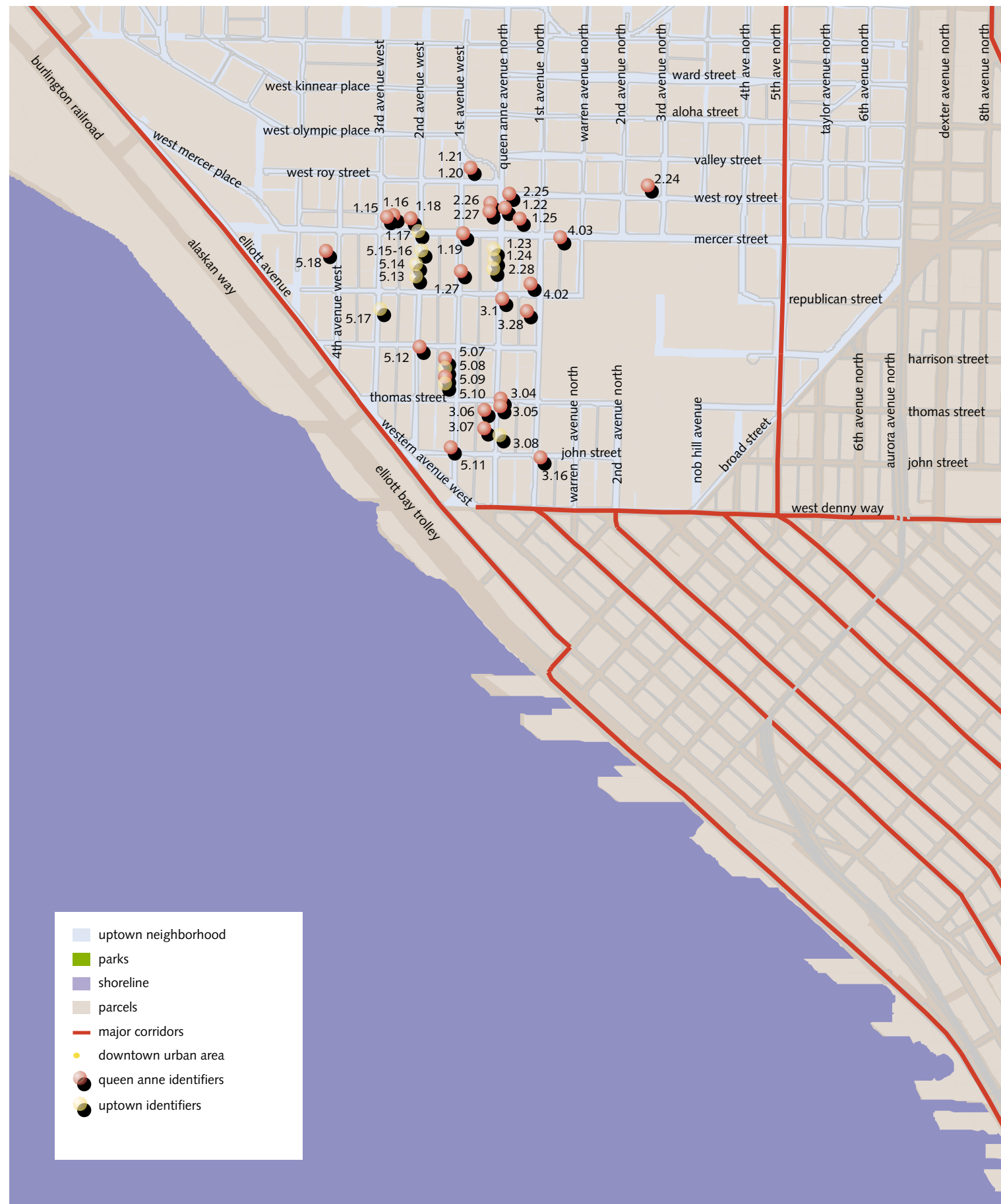


4.11-4.12 broad/5th looking SW



5.1-5.6 denny/broad





1.15 queen ann



1.16 queen ann



1.17 uptown



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1.20 queen ann





1.21 queen ann



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1.23 uptown



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3.8 uptown



3.16 queen ann



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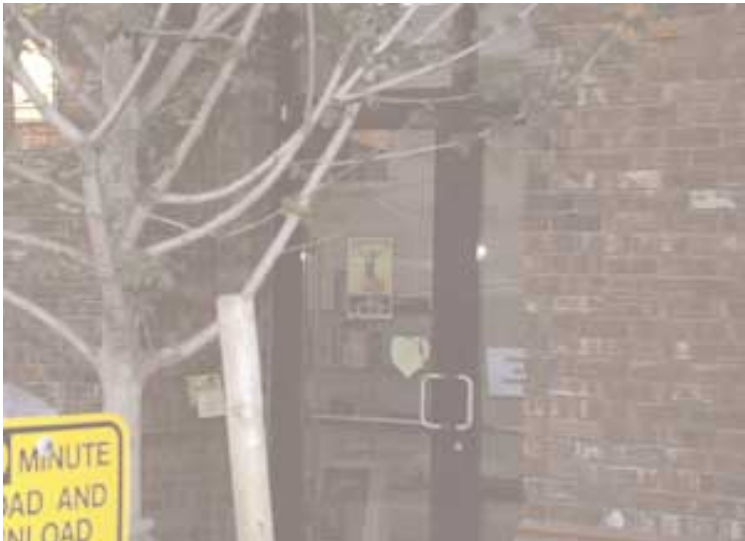
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5.18 queen ann





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